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- It is an object of this invention to design disposable diapers in which the male members may be easily anchored on the target zone or zones even if the fastener sections comprise nonwoven fabric and the male members of the mechanical fasteners are fixed to the nonwoven fabric.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following:

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- According to this invention the wings are formed with a nonwoven fabric made of thermoplastic synthetic fibers, the nonwoven fabric partially extending outward from circumferentially outer side regions of the wings to form the fastener sections which are, in turn, provided on inner surfaces thereof with the male members of the mechanical fasteners, and the wings are formed on the inner surfaces thereof with a plurality of fine fusion spots at which the fibers are fused together so that the number of the fine fusion spots per unit area of the wings nonwoven fabric is larger in the outer side regions of the wings than inner regions of the wings extending inward from the outer side regions.

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- It is possible without departing from the scope of this invention to configure the outer side regions 41 so that these regions 41 may extend substantially the same as the fastener section 21. However, the outer side regions 41 extending from the fastener sections 21 to parts of the rear wings 12 avoid an anxiety that the fasteners 21 might be easily torn along proximal ends of the respective fastener sections 21 defining boundary lines between the fastener sections 21 and respective rear wings 12. Shape of the individual fusion spots 20 is not limited to circular shape and may be replaced by other appropriate shapes.